ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Preliminary Results of the Flu-Cured Tobacco Referendum - On December 16, 1976 a flue-cured tobacco referendum was held. Flue-cured growers voted whether or not they wanted marketing quotas and price support to continue for the 1977, 1978 and 1979 crops.

The preliminary results of the referendum have been tabulated. In Appomattox County 100% of the voters were in favor of continuing marketing quotas and price support. There were 44 "Yes" votes and zero "No" votes. In the State of Virginia there were 12,867 "Yes" votes and 126 "No" votes. This accounted for 99% of Virginians in favor of marketing quotas and price support. On the national level there were 137,971 "Yes" votes and 2,011 "No" votes. This was a 98.5 percentage in favor.

The law states that two or more growers must vote "Yes" in order that marketing quotas and price support continue. Based on the preliminary results flue-cured growers will continue to see poundage quotas and will be paid price support on eligible tobacco for 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Report of Payment to Producers - It is required by law that ASCS must report to the Internal Revenue Service all program payments made to farmers during 1976. This would include ACP, PIP, Cropland Adjustment, wheat and corn disaster and other direct payment programs. The report will include payments made directly to farmers, to their assignees, and to U. S. Government agencies for any debts owed by them.

Each person who received a payment in 1976 will get a notice of the amount reported. This notice will be prepared on Form CCC-182 and will be mailed during the last two weeks of January 1977. When you receive this notice it is suggested that it be carefully checked to see that the amount reported is correct. If the amount is not correct ob-if you have any questions regarding the form, please contact the ASCS office.

Deficiency Payments Determinations for 1976 Wheat and Barley Programs - The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 provides that deficiency payments shall be made on each crop of wheat and barley to producers on particifating farms when the higher of the national weighted average market price received by farmers or the loan rate is less than the established target prices for those commodities.

The established target prices are $2.29 per bushel for wheat and $1.28 per bushel for barley.

The national weighted average price received by farmers for the first five months (June-October) of the 1976 marketing year was $3.08 per bushel for wheat and $2.41 per bushel for barley.

Because the prices received by farmers were in excess of the established target prices for wheat and barley, no deficiency payments will be required under the 1976 program.

Vegetables, How To Grow Food Cheaply

by Elmore Jordan
Extension Agent

If you have only a small area available for a garden, we suggest you grow crops that will yield the heaviest over the longest period of time. Vegetables suitable for a small garden include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, bush summer squash, bush lima and snap beans and onions.

Vegetables that require much space and yield a small return include muskmelons, sweet corn, watermelons, winter squash, and pumpkins. These crops are adopted to a large garden.

Vegetables vary greatly in their response to temperature. Some make their best growth in the spring and fall, or winter when cool temperatures prevail. Other vegetables are very sensitive to cool temperatures and thrive only during warm weather. Temperature requirements of the cold-hardy plants for early spring planting of common vegetables are as follows: very hardy (can be planted 4-6 weeks before frost free date) Broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, onions, peas, potato, spinach and turnips. Hardy (plant 2-4 weeks before frost-free date) vegetables are beets, carrots, chard, mustard, parsnips and radish. Cool-tender or heat-hardy plants for late spring or early summer planting not cold hardy (plant on frost free date) snap beans, sweet corn, okra, squash, and tomatoes. Requiring hot weather (plant 1 week or more affer frost-free date) lima beans, cucumber, eggplant, melons, peppers and sweet potatoes. Medium heat-tolerant (good for summer planting) all beans, chard, sweet corn, soybeans and squash. Hardy plants for late summer or fall planting (plant 6 to 8 weeks before first fall freeze) are beets, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, spinach and turnips.

Although lettuce, spinach, collards, cabbage, mustard, kale, and turnips are cool-hardy plants, there are varities of each that are more tolerant of warm temperatures than others. The heat tolerant varieties are slower to bolt or produce a seed stalk.

This article should be saved for future reference and will be followed by more on vegetable gardening next week.

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Junior FHA Presents Skits On 'Getting Along With Others'

Five skits and six commercials on the goal "Getting Along With Others" were presented at the December meeting of the Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Homemakers of America. Mrs. Whatley's first period English class presented the skits.

Jayne Doss, 2nd vice-president, introduced the program. Mrs. Carter, Middle School counselor, told of the importance of getting along with others especially our friends. Then the program was turned over to Mrs. Whately and her first period class.

The first skit was on "Hurt Feelings." Tracy Rush, Jane Almond, Bridget Franklin and Jeannette Hipps presented this skit. This was about a girl who gets her feelings hurt badly but after the girls realize what they have done to her they come and say they are sorry and become friends. The commercial "Everything is good when it sits on a Ritz," was presented by John Jimison and Kurt Greenbaum.

The second skit was on "Boyfriend on Drugs" and Tracy Rush, Jane Almond, Bridget Franklin and Jeanette Hipps presented this skit. This skit is on a girl whose boyfriend is on drugs. A "Shower to Shower" commercial and an "AJAX" commercial followed. The people in both commercials are as follows: Nugene Harvey, Keith Dickerson, Marvin Johnson, Herbert Allen, Karen Basemore, Shavone Johnson, Kim Wade, Cheryl Walton and Valerie Goodman.

The third skit was called "Rumors." This told how rumors get started and how they usually end up in fights. The people in this skit were Tracy Rush, Jane Almond, Bridget Franklin, Jeannette Hipps, Cheryl Walton, Kim Wade, Pam Franklin, Peggy Goin, Sandra Reynolds, Susan Shorter and Debbie Lee. An Alka Seltzer commercial was presented and Nugene Harvey and Marvin Johnson presented this.

A fourth skit was presented and John Jimison and Kurt Greenbaum presented it entitled "Agreeing on a Commercial. This told of two guys and how they are trying to agree on what to do for a commercial. The last skit was called "The Football Game." Nugene Harvey, Keith Dickerson, Marvin Johnson and Herbert Allen showed how even when boys are competing with each other that they can still be friends. A fifth skit told of three girls and how they are trying to agree on what to do for a commercial. The last skit was called "The Football Game." Nugene Harvey, Keith Dickerson, Marvin Johnson and Herbert Allen showed how even when boys are competing with each other that they can still be friends. A

Susan Shorter and Tracy Rush are shown in photo above as they took part in skit presented by the Junior FHA last week.

Virginia Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation for the week ending December 19th, 1976 by counties:

Albermarle	$3,670.42
Amelia	479.49
Amherst	7,503.37
Appomattox	8,627.21
Augusta	1,017.11
Bedford-County	1,801.19
Buckingham	16,784.23
Campbell	4,180.15
Charlotte	3,605.97
Cumberland	1,198.62
Nelson	4,788.38
New Kent	1,963.30
Pittsylvania	2,500.58
Prince Edward	1,685.80
Prince William	1,111.00

Virginia Fibre, by the total amount of wood it purchases, continues to "put money in the pockets" of area wood-cutters that they might not otherwise have.

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Health Wise —

Ponce De Leon the famous explorer, pushed on relentlessly, as he was motivated by the possibility of finding the Fountain of Youth - - that great magical potion that would cure all ills and perpetuate life. That he is not with us today is mute evidence that he did not find it.

It may not possess the lure that drives men to explore new lands, yet there is more value in a common ordinary glass of water than most people realize. Man is 70% water by weight. If you could remove all the water from a 200 lb. man, you would have 140 lbs. of water. And there is good reason for it. Every body function requires water.

Do you realize that if you had to drink all the water your body uses for its many different functions every day, you would have to drink 2,500 gallons every day. That would equal 40,000 glasses of water. The amazing thing is that our bodies have the tremendous ability not only to conserve water but to recycle it.

Fortunately you are so created that your body reuses all but a small amount. Your kidneys filter 400 gallons of blood every day, yet only 5½ glasses of water are voided as urine. Another 2 glasslfuls are exhaled in your breath. Although you don't notice it, water is constantly being evaporated through your skin. This invisible water makes up 2 more glasses lost. An additional ½ glass is lost by way of the bowels. And the average loss is about 10 glasses a day - - more if you sweat visibly.

That means that you have to drink 10 glasses of water a day? No, that's how much you need. You see, there is water in the food you eat, about 3 glasses daily. And as your body burns or metabolizes food to produce energy, water is one of the by-products. This adds 1½ glasses every 24 hours. Add that up and you find that you still need in 5½ - 6 glasses per day.

For good health drink plenty of water, at least 5 to 6 glasses. It's no PONCE DE LEON "Fountain of Youth," but it is kind of Magical, anyway.

No wonder that Jesus choose water to illustrate a spiritual truth when He said, "The water I shall give him will become in him a spring of water, welling up to eternal life."

For further information write to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Rt. 2, Box 495, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Assigned To Farmville Office VA Lung Association

A graduate of Western Washington State College has been assigned to the Central Region office of the Virginia Lung Association.

Joseph W. Coffman will train at the VLA office in Farmville for six months under the regional program director, Mrs. Emma G. Anthony. While here, he will be working in all phases of health education and fund raising under the regional director.

Coffman holds a bachelor of science degree in environmental sciences. He and his wife, Cathy, a registered nurse, live on Oak Street.

He is one of two new personnel in the office. Mrs. Lori B. Webb was employed recently as secretary.

She attended Longwood College and is married to Henry Webb, an employee of The Farmville Herald.

Mrs. Webb replaces Mrs. Kathy Doss who is now with the Virginia Division of Forestry.

Coffman replaces Robert Shields who will be entering graduate school at VPI & SU.

Completed Basic Training

San Antonio -- Airman Thomas A. Williams, son of Mrs. Christine E. Carter of Rt. 1, Concord, Va., has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., in the Air Force medical service field.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., and studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman Williams is a 1976 graduate of Rustburg (Va.) High School. His father, Winfred E. Williams Sr., lives at 304 Hanover St., New Baden, Ill.

Super Dollar Up 144%

Super Dollar Stores, Inc., Raleigh, N.C., reported net income of $283,000 for the third quarter ended Nov. 6, 1976, up 144% over the $116,000 earned during the same quarter of last year. Sales for the third quarter this year were $6,654,000, an increase of $2,018,000, or 44%, over the same quarter of last year amount of $4,636,000. Sales for the first quarters this year amounted to $18,743,000, an increase of $6,288,000, or 50%, over same period last year sales of $12,455,000. For the current three quarters, net income amounted to $558,000 or 91c per share compared with $73,000 or 11c per share last year.

Leon M. Melvin, its President, reported that sales in comparative stores for the current three quarters were up by 23% with the remainder of the increase from higher sales in 17 relocated and 16 additional stores opened since a year ago. He said the increase in earnings resulted primarily from improvements in markon and higher sales per store.

The Company operates 119 discount-type variety stores, primarily in small towns, in the Carolinas and Virginias. Melvin said the Company expects to add 15 to 20 stores to its chain during the coming year and has firm commitments for three locations to be opened next Spring.

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OBITUARIES

Hilda V. Coleman

Miss Hilda Virginia Coleman, 78, of Rt. 2, Knoll Wood Drive, Rustburg, died at 4:40 a.m. Friday at Lynchburg General Hospital following a long illness.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Edward Alexander and Callie Horsley Coleman. She was a retired employee of Lynchburg Hosiery Mill, Inc., where she worked for 47 years and was a member of College Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Christian P. Coleman of Warren, Mich., and four sisters, Mrs. G. W. Graham of Lynchburg, Mrs. O. S. Blackburn and Mrs. Shirley Clark, both of Rustburg, and Mrs. W. C. Hackworth of Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Rodney J. Hale. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Wickle Scott

Mrs. Sarah Baker Scott, of Rt. 1, Box 77-A, Concord departed this life Saturday evening in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Wickle Scott.

Born in Charlotte County, she was a daughter of the late Abe and Sarah Reed Baker. She was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Red House.

She is survived by two sons, Annie Scott and George Scott of Brookneal; three daughters, Miss Annie P. Scott, Mrs. Louise Croner, and Miss Shirley M. Scott of Concord; a brother, Wesley Baker of Pamplin; a sister, Mrs. Lola Fisher of New York, 30 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Red House. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Community Funeral Home directed.

Sidney W. Hughes

Sidney William Hughes, 56, of Appomattox, died at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Nelson County, he was a son of the late James Oscar and Lizzie Bell Hughes. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of Woodmen of the World, Withers and Hughes VFW Post 7701 of Lovingston and a member of the American Legion Post 104 of Appomattox He was an employee of Central Virginia Electric Corp. for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma Giles Hughes; one son, Roger Dale Hughes; three daughters, Mrs. Nancy Grishaw, and Patsy and Doris Hughes, and two granddaughters, all of Appomattox, six brothers, Walter Hughes of New Jersey, Hunter Hughes of Portsmouth, Clyde Hughes of Seattle, Wash., David and Wilburn Hughes, both of Lovingston, and Oscar Hughes of Afton and one sister, Mrs. Frank Thompson of Lovingston

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday from Liberty Baptist Church with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Anyone wishing to make memorials, please consider the Appomattox Rescue Squad or the American Cancer Society.

James H. Carroll

James Hammett Carroll, 83, of Rt. 2, Concord, died Thursday at 9:05 p.m. in Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness.

Born April 6, 1893, in Amherst County, he was a son of the late William Madison Carroll and the late Angie Jennings Carroll. His first wife was the late Vivian Torrence Carroll, and his second wife is Geraldine Coleman Carroll. He was a member of Indian Hill United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. C. Swart, Jr. of Lynchburg and two sisters, Mrs. Floyd C. Jennings of Lynchburg and Mrs. John Austin of Concord.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Robert Dunn and the Rev. Frank Casper. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

Mrs. C. R. McCormick

Rachel Jamerson McCormick, 67, of Route 1, Spout Spring, died at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Oscar Thomas Jamerson and Mary Wooten Jamerson. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, where she was a past president of Fidelis Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie R. McCormick; a daughter, Mrs. J. Franklin (Joyce) Vaughan of Spout Spring; a grandson, Joe F. Vaughan, 11 of Lynchburg; two brothers, Thomas J. Jamerson and G. Herbert Jamerson of Appomattox; and two sisters, Mrs. Gladys J. Reynolds and Mrs. P. D. Wilhoit of Appomattox.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Liberty Baptist Church by the Rev. J. J. Bowman and the Rev. Bob Boyd. Burial will be in Old Concord Presbyterian Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Dunnam, Don Almond, Ralph Ballowe, Phil Harrison, Dennis Jamerson, G. H. Jamerson, Tommy Wilhoit and Robert Waldo.

Robinson Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements. The family requests no flowers but wishing to make memorials consider the Liberty Baptist Church organ fund.

Mrs. Theodore Owens

Mrs. Nancy Doss Owens, formerly of Spout Springs, departed this life Friday in Lincoln Hospital in New York City.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Edward Doss and Daphney Doss. Her husband is Theodore Owens. She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, Donald Doss of New York; two brothers, Jerry Doss of Baltimore and Clarence Doss of Seattle, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. Bessie E. Bolden of Spout Spring and New York, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman of Baltimore.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday from Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church, Spout Spring, the Rev. R. Q. Lawing officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. H. P. Ray

Mrs. Laura Abbitt Ray, 86, of Saunders Care Home, 3209 Memorial Ave., died at 8:40 p.m. Saturday in Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of the late H. P. Ray.

Born Sept. 19, 1890 in Appomattox, she was a daughter of the late Raleigh Abbitt and the late Rosa Tweedy Abbitt. She was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Fort Hill Memorial Park by the Rev. Melvin Winters.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

FCC Novice Amateur Radio Class - Course Information

Instruction will cover elementary electronics, FCC rules and regulations, and Morse code at 5 words per minute. No previous experience of any kind is needed. All graduates will receive their Novice Class Amateur Radio License.

The class will meet at the Prince Edward County High School on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Registration will be held January 4, 1977. Classes begin January 11, 1977 and will run for 10 weeks.

Tuition is $15.00 plus each student is expected to purchase the required instruction package ($7.00). This includes the book "Tune In The World", an accompanying Morse code tape cassette, and a U. S. wall map. The package is available at the Farmville Record Shop, 118 W. Third St., Farmville, or may be ordered from the instructor.

For more information, contact: R. B. Carter, Appomattox County High School, Appomattox.

Chestnut Grove

A large crowd attended the Christmas program at the Chestnutgrove Church on Friday night.

Thursday night visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Crews of Portsmouth, Glen Crews of Denver Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hogan of Andersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan of Knoxville Tenessee spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. Dott Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook had all of their children and grandchildren with them for Christmas dinner.

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr. wer Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy and Ethel Proffit all of Dillwyn and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meek and family of Virginia were Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mr Charlie Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris attended the 25th wedding anniversary supper in Richmond Wednesday for Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Seay.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manis of Farmville were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay at Andersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forbes.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shpphard of Washington D. C.

Mrs. C. W. Morris and Linda Morris spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris in Richmond.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Magri of Lynchburg were Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley and Kathy.

Visitors during the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Morris and Rodney and Kinda Morris all of Richmond, John Glover, and Mrs. Mollie Martin and children all of Appomattox.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Lucy Glover were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Glover and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cook and family all of Richmnd, John Glover and Mrs. Mollie Martin and children all of Appomattox.

Agriculture Yearbook Available

WASHINGTON–Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel announced today he has obtained a number of surplus copies of the popular "Consumers All" agriculture yearbook.

He said these will be sent to residents of the Fifth District upon request and inquiries should be made to the congressman's district office at 104-A High Street, Farmville, Virginia 23901.

"Consumers All" is the 1965 agriculture yearbook and contains helpful information on matters relating to those who buy foods and other agriculture products.

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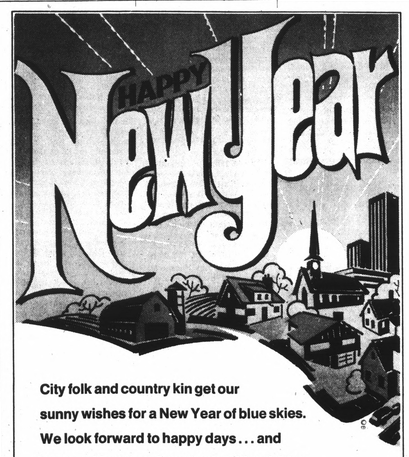

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Capitol Comments

WASHINGTON -

Humpty Dumpty may not have said it first, but he said it best: "When I use a word it means exactly what I choose it to - neither more nor less."

Thus do words like "detente", "international cooperation", "mutuality of interest", "peaceful coexistence", and "accomodation" have different meanings, depending on who uses them, and also on who hears them.

Another word which has entered the English language recently whose meaning is different, depending on where you sit, is "Finlandization". The Finns do not like it; they feel it is insulting, for they see themselves as an independent nation, successfully managing their own affairs, but "accomodating", in many respects, their strong neighbor to the East, the Soviet Union. Fifteen years ago, the President of Finland lectured our President Kennedy in these words: "In our case, the better we succeed in maintaining the confidence of the Soviet Union as a peaceful neighbor, the better are our opportunities for close cooperation with the countries of the Western World." How is it all working out? Judge for yourself.

In 1948, the Finns and the Russians signed a treaty of peace which specifically bars the Soviet Union from interfering in Finland's domestic affairs. Yet in 1972, when that nation began efforts to establish free trade with Western Europe, arrangements were delayed for a year, until approved by Leonid Brezhnev, and there were strings: Finland was required to agree to a parallel deal with Soviet Bloc countries. To make sure everybody knew who was really running the show, Brezhnev demanded that President Kekonnen be restored to office after his term expired the next year. This is non-interference?

In determining how free Finland is, it is important to examine as well how the Soviet Union feels about the matter, and you need look no further than a recently-published Russian book, **Thirty Years of Good Neighbor Relations**. From this document it is obvious even to the Finns that the Soviets consider the 1948 pact a military alliance. Finland has long contended it desires to remain neutral in any conflict between other nations, that it will fight to defend its own soil and that it will do this alone. The Russians have other ideas, and insist that in addition to peace and friendship, the treaty also includes military cooperation. Is this how you maintain the confidence of a peaceful neighbor?

And the military arena is not the only one in which the USSR has pressed its own interests at the expense of the Finns, and more particularly, the Finnish economy. In 1974, 20.4 percent of exports and 17 percent of imports were with Russia. At the same time, that nation's exports to other Soviet bloc nations increased at a striking rate, with a corresponding decline in trade with Western Europe. And if we are sometimes gravely concerned about our balance of trade(as well we should be), those who manage the Finnish economy must spend many a sleepless night. Their trade deficit amounts to 20 percent of their Gross National Product. A significant factor in this deficit is the recent substantial jump in oil prices imposed by the USSR, from whom Finland imports two-thirds of its oil. There is an interesting gimmick in this, which few knowledge exists in no free world pacts. By signed agreement, the Finns must balance their trade evenly, or must make up any difference in either gold or hard currency.

And so the Finns are free. Or are they? When we explored the matter further with several sources, as to why Russia has permitted Finland to exist outside the formal Soviet bloc, we got two opinons. First, it is that Russia is using Finland as an example to promote "peaceful coexistence and detente". The other was that there is no need-the nation is so dominated economically, it could not get out from under its Russian burden. Nobody mentioned that the Finns had any free choice in the matter.

The situation is well put by the head of the Finnish Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Policy: "The only way we have is to live in peace and quiet with the Russians, because we tried the other way and it didn't work."

As we approach the convening of the 95th Congress it is well for us to explore the meaning of "Finlandization" as it could apply to our own country.

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4 Door Caprice Sedan - Air Conditioning - Power Door Locks - Power Windows - Green W/Green Vinyl Top

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CONCOURS - 4 Door - Air Conditioning - Power Steering - Power Brakes - Silver with Black Interior

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4 Door Caprice - Hard Top - Loaded - Locally Owned - Green W/Green Vinyl Top

1976 Ford
4 Door LTD - Air Conditioning - Power Windows - Power Seats - Beautiful Stereo - Radio - Low Mileage - Beige/Buckskin Vinyl Top

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PICKUPS

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